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SUBJECT: UNDP - COLOMBIAN CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL

REF: BOGOTA 2280; USUN A-230

1. PLEASE ADVISE GOC THAT USG APPRECIATES ITS DESIRE
TO CONTRIBUTE TO ADVANCEMENT OF UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL AND
BELIEVES THAT COLOMBIA'S CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN
DEVELOPMENT MATTERS WOULD BE VALUABLE ASSET TO THAT
BODY.

2. YOU SHOULD ASSURE GOC THAT USG WILL GIVE ITS
CANDIDACY MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, BUT THAT IT IS
CUSTOMARY FOR THE USG TO ASCERTAIN THE PREFERENCES OF
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OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON

AN AMERICAN REPUBLIC CANDIDACY OF THIS KIND.

3. FYI. LATIN AMERICANS REGARD ELECTIONS OF LA'S
TO UN BODIES AS PECULIARLY WITHIN THEIR OWN SPHERE,
AND WOULD LIKELY RESENT US GETTING AHEAD OF THEM IN
MAKING A COMMITMENT TO ONE OF THEIR NUMBER. THUS

OUR STANDARD RESPONSE IS ALONG LINES OF PARA 2, ABOVE.
WHERE WE WISH TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING AS IN PRESENT
CASE WE USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS IN PARA 1, ABOVE, AND ADD
"MOST" OR A SIMILIAR WORD BEFORE "CAREFUL CONSIDERATION"
IN THE STANDARD LANGUAGE IN PARA 2. END FYI.

4. COLOMBIAN NOTE OF JANUARY 29 WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY
USUN IN NOTE OF FEBRUARY 26 TO COLOMBIAN MISSION, ALONG
LINES PARA 2 ABOVE.

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